

Docket No. 211861US3
IN RE APPLICATION OF: CHAKI MATANO
SERIAL NO: 09/911,399
FILED: July 25, 2001
FOR: RING



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 3677"

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- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Marked-Up Copy

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	17	MINUS	20	0	x \$18 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	3	MINUS	3	0	x \$84 =	\$0.00
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		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity				\$0.00
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		TOTAL				\$0.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached.
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- ☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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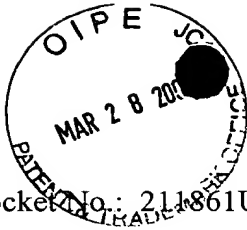


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In response to the Official Action mailed on February 5, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 1, 7, and 13, without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims
2, 3, 8-12, 14, and 16-19 as shown in clean form below, and add new claim 20 as shown
below. A Marked-Up Copy of the amended claims is attached.

2. (Twice Amended) The ring according to claim 16, further comprising:
- a first central axis which connects a center of a bottom surface of said first ditch
portion and a center of curvature of both an outer surface of said ring and an inner surface of
said ring;
 - a second central axis which connects a center of a bottom surface of said second ditch
portion and said center of curvature of both said outer and inner surfaces of said ring,